
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 303

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes it easier for certain active duty military members to obtain a motorcycle license endorsement. It allows the motor vehicles commissioner to waive (1) an examination demonstrating that the applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the motorcycle's mechanisms to operate it safely, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the road, and (2) a vision test.

Under the bill, the applicant must (1) be an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or reserves, including the Connecticut National Guard); (2) be stationed outside the state; and (3) have completed a novice motorcycle training course using the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation within two years before applying.

To qualify for the vision exemption, the applicant must submit the results of a vision test done within two years before applying, demonstrating that he or she meets the required vision standards. The vision test must be administered by the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 6495, reported favorably by the Transportation Committee, also allows the motor vehicle commissioner to waive the motorcycle examination for these service members.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2013)